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XXMMENP07FTB22061 CONTAINS ~~ISHTAR~~ (IN PARAGRAPHS SO MARKED) 3/004 [] R149-71
NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY XXCC IN A 21 JUNE RLA
MESSAGE, IT WAS REPORTED THAT AN ENEMY BATTALION HAD RECENTLY MOVED INTO THE
BAN BUNG XANG AREA ON ROUTE 111, EAST OF KENG KOK. THE ENEMY INTENDS TO ATTACK
PRO-GOVERNMENT DEFENSES NEAR BAN BUNG XANG, ACCORDING TO RLA AUTHORITIES. AN
RLA 19 JUNE COMMUNIQUE QUOTING AN AGENT REPORT ADVISED THAT AIR STRIKES ON 15
JUNE AGAINST THE NVA 927TH BATTALION COMMAND POST LOCATED OFF ROUTE 161, 7 KM
WEST OF BAN HONG KE, (XC 1612, 15-29N 106-05E) RESULTED IN 30 NVA SOLDIERS
KILLED AND 17 WOUNDED. ANOTHER RLA MESSAGE ADVISED THAT AN ENEMY BATTALION WAS
LOCATED AT BAN HONG KE ON 19 JUNE. TWO NVA BATTALIONS SUPPORTED BY FIVE TANKS
WERE REPORTED 9 KM SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF BAN LAO NGAM (XC 2510, 15-28N 106-10E) ON
21 JUNE. A LAOTIAN NEUTRALIST ARMY 16TH INFANTRY BATTALION (BI) TEAM WAS
ATTACHED ON 20 JUNE BY ENEMY QUERRILLA UNITS ABOUT 5 KM NORTHEAST OF BAN KENG
NHAO (XB 0696, 15-20N 105-59E) ON ROUTE 231. ONE NVA BATTALION HAS RECENTLY
REDEPLOYED INTO THE AREA 3 KM NORTH AND NORTHWEST OF PAK SONG, ACCORDING TO 21
JUNE RLA COMMUNICATIONS. THE MAIN FORCE OF THIS BATTALION REPORTEDLY IS
BOLSTERED BY SIX TANKS AND WAS POSITIONED IN THE FRONT LINES NEAR KILOMETER
POSTS 32 AND 33 ON ROUTE 23. MEANWHILE, NVA 9TH REGIMENT COMMUNICATIONS
CONTINUE TO REFLECT TACTICAL OPERATIONS IN THE PAK SONG AREA. AN UNIDENTIFIED
REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATE (E2166) HAD DEPLOYED A SMALL NUMBER OF TROOPS AT AN
UNSPECIFIED POSITION AND A LARGE DETACHMENT 5 KM SOUTHWEST OF THAT POSITION IN
THE AREA OF AN ENEMY HEADQUARTERS, ACCORDING TO A 21 JUNE MESSAGE. IN ANOTHER
21 JUNE MESSAGE, IT WAS STATED THAT THE ENEMY HAD BOMBED THE AREA BETWEEN
PHOU CHAMPI (XB 3379, 15-11N 106-14E) AND BAN NONGLE (XB 3481, 15-12N 106-15E)
THE PREVIOUS AFTERNOON. ~~ISHTAR~~ (2/G1/LSM/R249-71, 211400Z; 2X [] LSM/T801-71,
220150Z; /LSM/T805-71, 220450Z T807-71, 220646Z; 2 [] LSM/T650-71, 220240Z)
~~SECRET SPOKE ISHTAR~~ IV. GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF REAR SERVICES ACTIVITY THUS
FAR IN JUNE, 8 INFILTRATION GROUPS (6 BATTALION-SIZE) AND 11 SPECIAL-PURPOSE
GROUPS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED IN GDRS COMMUNICATIONS. ~~SECRET SPOKE~~ LAOS AN
ADDITIONAL REFERENCE TO THE 217TH REGIMENT WAS NOTED IN A 9 JUNE MESSAGE
EMANATING FROM THE AREA OF BINH TRAM (BT) 32 (HQ LOCATED AT WD 9762, 16-50N
105-55E). THE NVA 2D DIVISION REPORTEDLY WAS TO TRANSFER 24 TONS OF RICE TO THE
217TH REGIMENT AT COMMO-LIAISON STATION (T) 13 UNLOCATED. THE 217TH REGIMENT
WAS FIRST NOTED ON 27 MAY WHEN IT REVEALED THAT IT WAS TO HAVE RECEIVED 24 TONS
OF RICE FROM THE STORAGE AREA OF T-12 (XD 0565, 16-52N 105-54E). A 19 JUNE
MESSAGE FROM T-9 (XD 2195, 17-08N 106-08E) IN THE BT 14 (HQ LOCATED AT XE 2510,

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17-17N 106-10E) AREA DISCLOSED CONCERN ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF \$RAIDERS\$ IN THE AREA OF HIGH POINT 1047 (UNLOCATED). NVA TROOPS WERE REPORTEDLY SEARCHING IN THE VICINITY, WITHOUT RESULTS. THE MESSAGE REVEALED THAT THE \$ENEMY\$ WAS STILL RECONNOITERING THE AREA. AN 18 JUNE MESSAGE FROM THE 9TH COMMO-LIAISON BATTALION REFERRED TO ONE AMERICAN POW AND THREE ARVN POW'S AS BEING AMONG 101 NORTHWARD-BOUND PERSONNEL DISPATCHED FROM THE BT 32 AREA. THESE POW'S WERE LAST REFERRED TO IN TWO 11 JUNE MESSAGES FROM THE BT 33 (HQ LOCATED AT XD 3530, 16-33N 106-16E) AREA. (2/00/VCJ/R307-71, 212130Z; 3/00/ [] R129-71) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ V. NORTH VIETNAM []
CORRESPONDENCE ORIGINATED BY THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST SPECIAL DELEGATION IN PARIS ON 20 JUNE WAS PASSED TO HANOI FOR RELAY TO THE REGION 5 PARTY COMMITTEE, AND PROBABLY TO COSVN AND THE PROBABLE REGION TRI-THIEN-HUE PARTY COMMITTEE. THIS TYPE OF CORRESPONDENCE IS USUALLY OBSERVED AFTER THE WEEKLY SESSION OF THE PARIS TALKS AND WAS LAST NOTED ON 12 JUNE. (SEE COSVN COMMUNICATIONS IN PART I, ABOVE.) (3/00/ [] R142-71) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~

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